

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-295-W - ORDER NO. 2004-49

FEBRUARY 3, 2004

IN RE: Application of Georgia Water & Well) ORDER PROVIDING
Services, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in) FOR A NIGHT HEARING
its Water Rates and Charges)

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request for the establishment of a night hearing. On October 2, 2003, Georgia Water & Well Services, Inc. (“Applicant”) filed an Application seeking an increase in rates and charges for water service provided to customers in Oconee County, South Carolina. The Application was duly noticed to the public. After notice, several customers of the Applicant, among others, filed for status as intervenors in the proceeding.

Presently before the Commission is a request from Representative William E. Sandifer, III asking the Commission to schedule a night hearing in Oconee County so that customers of the Applicant may have a convenient forum in which to present evidence to the Commission concerning the Applicant’s request for an increase in rates and charges. A hearing on the Application is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission’s hearing room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the request for night hearing, the Commission makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A hearing on the Applicant's request for an increase in rates and charges is scheduled to be held in the Commission's hearing room located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.

2. The Applicant serves customers located in Oconee County, South Carolina.

3. As evidenced by the intervention of several customers in this proceeding, the customers of the Applicant are interested in the proceedings concerning the Applicant's request for an increase in rates and charges.

4. A night hearing on the Application to be held in Oconee County, South Carolina would provide a convenient forum for the customers of the Applicant to provide evidence related to the Application to the Commission.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes as follows:

CONCLUSIONS

1. Based upon customer intervention in this proceeding, the Commission concludes that significant interest in the instant docket has been exhibited by customers who could be affected by the pending rate case Application.

2. The Commission concludes that a night hearing held in Oconee County, South Carolina would allow interested customers to appear before the Commission to present evidence concerning the pending rate case Application.

3. The Commission concludes that a night hearing in Oconee County, South Carolina would serve the public interest as such a night hearing would provide the customers affected by the rate Application a convenient forum in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present evidence related to the pending rate case Application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A night hearing in the pending rate case Application filed by Georgia Water & Well Services, Inc. shall be held in Oconee County, South Carolina.

2. The Staff is directed to find a suitable location and date for the night hearing and shall provide notice of the night hearing to the parties in this docket and to the customers affected by the Application.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director

(SEAL)



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State of South Carolina**

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**SEQUENCE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR PROOF-READING, APPROVING AND
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